



# *Milwaukee County*

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### **COALITION TO SAVE THE HOAN PRESENTS PETITIONS TO GOVERNOR**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik, along with Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Supervisor Chris Larson, Representative Christine Sinicki, and other members of the Coalition to Save the Hoan, have presented a letter to Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle and Transportation Secretary Frank Busalacchi, asking them to recognize and support the wishes of the more than 8,000 constituents who signed a petition asking the State to re-deck the current Hoan Bridge and abandon any alternatives.

The letter, delivered to the Governor's Milwaukee office this morning after a series of public hearings held throughout 2009, requests the following action from the State of Wisconsin:

- Direct the Department of Transportation (DOT) to immediately commence the needed engineering study to obtain the actual cost to re-deck the Hoan Bridge.
- Direct DOT to discontinue the planning for alternatives to the Hoan Bridge.
- Provide funding for the re-decking of the Hoan in the next biennial budget.

"We are presenting these items on behalf of more than 8,000 residents who have expressed their wishes," Supervisor Jursik said. "The Coalition has determined that the Hoan Bridge is vitally important to south shore communities, the Port of Milwaukee, General Mitchell International Airport and the entire Milwaukee metropolitan area. We cannot have any further delays in the plans to re-deck this bridge."

Although the collection of petition signatures has concluded, the Coalition will remain vigilant of any future attempts to remove the bridge. More information on the Coalition to Save the Hoan can be found on the following website:

<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/Jursik/SaveTheHoanBridge.htm>

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